GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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FUNDS THROUGH NABARD
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governments of Bihar and Jharkhand have sought assistance from NABARD for construction of pucca roads and bridges in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by NABARD thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATH):

(a) and (b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that the Government of Bihar had sought loan from Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for construction of roads and bridges. However, the newly carved out State of Jharkhand has not so far sought any loan. The details of the sanctions made by NABARD to the State Government of Bihar are as under:

Purpose	Year of Sanction	No.of Projects Sanctioned	Amount of Loan Sanctioned (Rs.Crore)
Rural Bridges	1999-2000	2	1.57
	2000-2001	47	28.92
	2001-2002	18	11.53
Rural Roads	2001-2002	1	1.37
Total		68	43.39

(c) NABARD has always impressed upon the State Governments including the Govt. of Bihar to utilize RIDF for creation of infrastructure including roads and bridges in their States. To expedite the availament of RIDF, Regional Offices of NABARD as also the senior executives of NABARD have followed up the matter with the State Governments and have drawn the State Government`s attention towards the availament of RIDF in ail States. Recently, at a meeting of the Chief Ministers, NABARD had drawn the attention of the Hon`ble Chief Ministers of all States for optimum utilization of RIDF loans in their States.